### FIGHTING AT SONTAY.

The Outposts Occupied by the Troops Under Admiral Courbet,

But the Citadel Still Held by the Chi nese Forces.

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SATGON, Dec. 20.—According to advices from Hue, dated Dec. 14, Yorduc has been proclaimed king of Annam. The natives were greatly excited and an attack upon the French legation was feared. The firm attitude of M. Champeaux, the French resident, had alone prevented an attack by the natives. had alone prevented an attack by the natives. One hundred and fifty re-enforcements have been sent to Hue from Fort Thuanan. It is

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Paris, Dec. 20.—Admiral Peyron, minister of marine, has received the following telegram from Admiral Courbet, dated "Before Sontay, Dec. 16:" "The expedition left Hanoi on the eleventh instant and captured Fort Phusa and all the earthworks erected on the bank of the Songkoi (Red river), opposite Sontay. The assault was carried out by the marine infantry and Algerian sharpshooters. The flotilla rendered very efficient assistance. The enemy were very well armed, and resisted desperately. The condition and spirits of the French troops are excellent. To-day we commone the attack on Sontay."

The Temps' report that at the weekly reception at the ioreign ministry to-day the Marquis Tsong and Prime Minister Ferry had a long and friendly conversation, mentioned by the Figure as having been proposed by the Marquis Tsong, has not been imparted to the French government, and the Temps doubts whether such a compromise has been mooted.

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During the Tonquin debate in senate to-day the Duc de Broglie said that he would vote against the credit because he thought the the crudit because he thought the present an inopportune moment to launch a war against China. France, he said, is surrounded by monarchies hostile to a republican form of government. It behooves France to be prudent at home and abroad. He implored the senate not to leave the door open for foreign interference.

Gen. Campenon, minister of war, replied that France was strong enough to bring two policies—namely, the colonial and conti-

policies—namely, the colonial and conti-nental—to the front. The former must be subordinated to the latter. Now that the expedition to Tonquin accords with that con-dition he and his colleagues are in perfect

agreement.
Admiral Jaureguiberry insisted that either Admiral Jaureguiberry insisted that either the credit be voted or that France abandon forever her influence in her Indo-Chinese possessions. If she should abandon Tonquin ahe would surrender 400,000 Christians to butchery. China will accept the Fuits accomplis. If she does not France can wage a successful war like that of 1860 without blockading Chinese ports, or ignoring the rights of neutrals. He refused to believe in the ill-will of England. She could only gain by the opening up of Tonquin.

M. De Freycinet urged that the government

firmly ask China to withdraw her troops in Tonquin. If China refused, he said, France

must exact guarantees.

Premier Ferry said that the question was one of colonial preservation. He read a pub-lished dispatch from Soutay, and stated that he expected in two days to receive more posi tive news. He then traced the whole history of the Tonquin question. He continued: "I believe our troops only en-countered the Black Flags. I do not believe that Chinese regulars were seen. China does not accept responsibility for the acts of the Black Flags."

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The Figure of to-day says that it understands that the Marquis Tseng, the ambassador, has proposed to France the following as a fresh basis of negotiations for the settlement of the Tonquin question:

The delta of the Song-Cauriver, with Bac-

Ninh, by belong to China. The northern and western provinces of Tonquin to be neutral, and China to renounce her suzerainty of the kingdom of Annam. of 6,300 troops will be

Re-enforcements of 6,300 troops will be sent to Tonquin within the next fortnight. TROUBLES IN IRELAND.

DUBLIN, Dec. 20 .- A farmer named Moy lan, who recently returned from America has been shot dead at Clonbar, near Galway This is another agrarian crime. The assassin confronted Moylan with a gun and shot him in the chest. Moylan fell, when the mur-derer again simed at him. Moylan's wife threw herself upon the prostrate form of threw herself upon the prostrate form of her husband, when the assassin dragged her off, threatening to kill her. He then fired at the wounded man while he lay upon the ground, killing him. There is no clue to the mur-derer. Moylan had just taken possession of a vacant farm.

The friends of Patrick O'Donnell, who was propose to erect a memorial to him here.

Dunn, in whose house in this city was found a quantity of arms and ammunition, has been discharged, the evidence adduced proving that he is a loyalist and that the powder and rifles were used in his business as

poulterer. London, Dec. 20.—A dispatch from Galway to the Exchange Telegraph company states that it is reported that during a disturbance in Cong, County Mayo, yesterday evening, Kerrigan, the informer, was shot.

## ACCIDENT TO THE CZAR.

BERLIN, Dec. 20,—Information has just been received that the czar of Russia, while on a hunting excursion, was thrown out of a Grave fears were for a time entertained, but the kaiser has received a special telegram announcing that the injury is not serious. A telegram from St. Petersburg says that it was while the czar was hunting in a sledge that the horses shied and the emperor was

## thrown out.

THE WAR IN EGYPT. LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Post says that the British regiments now in Egypt will be filled to their maximum strength, making the total number of British troops in Egypt 10,000 men, and that several regiments are to be ordered to Egypt. The Dublin Fusileers will start for that country on the ninth of January, and the seventh dragoon guards, who are now under orders for India, will be sent to Egypt.

THE CROWN PRINCE IN ROME. ROME, Dec. 20.—The German crown prince, King Humbert, Queen Margherita, the Duke of Aosta, Prince Paul of Baden, and members of the Italian cabinet, except Signor Depretis partook of breakfast with Baron de Kendell parrook of breakfast with Baron de Kendell, the German embassador, this morning. Prime Minister Depretis was absent in consequence of an engagement at the chamber of deputies. This evening the German crown prince

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visited the chamber of deputies and sat in the diplomatic gallery, where Premier Depretis and other estimet ministers paid their respects to him. The prince left Rome at midnight amid great ceremony.

A correspondent at Rome of the Tagblatt (newspaper) states that the German crown prince, at a reception given to the German residents, said that his visit to the pope would have beneficial vessels in a very way. would have beneficial results in every way.

#### THE EMMA BOND OUTRAGE.

#### Testimony for the Defense-What the Sheriff Has to Say.

Sr. Louis, Dec. 20,-A special to the Post-Disputch from Hillsboro', Ill., says: In the Emma Bond case this morning the first witness called was Sheriff Halnes, of Taylorville, who testified that Attorney Drennan and himself fitted the toe nall paring to Montgomery's toe at the jail; that Mont-

Shoriff Haines, of Taylorville, who testined that Attorney Dreunan and himself fitted the toe nail paring to Montgomery's toe at the jail; that Montgomery was perfectly willing to have it done; that the paring was thicker than Montgomery's coenal; and that it fitted one corner, but the other side did not fit at all. Witness said he put Clement and Pettus in jail. He examined Montgomery's clothing carefully, and it appeared to have been worn three or four days. Witness saw mo blood or stains on the clothing. He also examined Clement's clothing on the night of his arrest. His shirt had red and blue stripes. The red stripes had run somewhat. Witness was not satisfied with the examination, and examined the clothing again next day, but found no stains on either shirt or underclothing. He also examined returns clothing, and neither under garment had the appearance of being wet across the hips, nor were there any stains on any garment. All the clothing had evidently been worn for several days. There was no communication between the prisoners on that day.

On cross-examination witness said that the pilsoners were taken to the jail about sunrise, but were not put in a cell while Montgomer's was out looking for bonds. Witness was not at the jail all the time, but knew that the prisoners couli not have been put together. He examined the clothing for his own satisfaction. This testimony offsets that of the convict Meyer, who said the defendants had a consultation the morning they were put in jail.

Thomas Hart testified that he tried to put Mr. Dickerson up through the soutile hole of the school house on the morning after the outrage. Witness is 6 feet 2 inches high and weighs 175 pounds. Mr. Dickerson weighs 135 pounds. The witness said: "Mr. Hammil, who was in the lost, itel a showl around Dickerson and lifted him up as high sail could, but Dickerson and lifted him up as high sail could but Dickerson and lifted him up as high sail could have head a power the could house done house and played there until his Bond came bac

nothing.
On cross-examination the witness said he laid on the roof of the coal house kicking up his heels, and could not see the school house door.
This witness, who was on the stand an hour and a half, made many statements which differed from those made at the preliminary trial.

#### SARA BERNHARDT'S ROW.

#### Particulars of Her Horsewhipping Mile. Columbier-Speculation as to Future

Developments. Paus, Dec. 20.—The extraordinary dramatic episode in the apartments of Mila. Marie Colombier on Tuesday afternoon continues to be a subject of gossip in all quarters. It is now known that Sara Bernhardt, upon starting out to avenge the Sara Bernhardt, upon starting out to avenge the wrongs inflicted by Mile. Colombier, armed herself with a dagger, which she carried in her left hand, while her right hand wielded the stingting whip. Mile. Columbier made no attempt at defense, but sought immediate escare by the back sairs, but not until her assailant had inflicted assertal painful blows across her face. Sarah, presenting the whip to the conclorge, on leaving the house remarked that it had been given to her by the distinguished Marshal Canrotet, but, as it had been aid across the viage of auch an oflous person as tinguished Marshal Canrolert, but, as it had been laid across the visage of such an odious person as Marie Colombier, she disdained to give it house-room longer. During the general scrimmage in the lower part of the house one of Sarah Bernhardt's friends said that if Mile. Colombier had any one willing to defend her in any particular he was ready to fight him. Another friend tore Sarah's picture from the wall and executed a frantic dance upon it, wildly asserting that it had been descrated by its propinquily to Marie's portrait.

The appearance of Mmc. Bernhardt at the the are to take part in the rehearsal of the new play.

"Nama Sahit," was the occasion of great comment. Her friends gave many evidences of their sympathy with her, and the coolness of her demeanor after the real drama in which she played the part of leading lady was a theme of considerable appliance.

The general opinion now is that the affair will have its sequel in the law courts, and as a consequence speculation is busy as to what other developments will grow out of the enlivenment.

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M. Jehan Soudan, on behalf of Mile. Colombier, challenged M. Richepin, one of Mme. Bernhardt's friends, to fight a duel. Both these gentlemen were present during the fracas. M. Richepin de-cimed the challenge. M. Soudan has, conse-quently, published the following:

"I have found Richepin a coward in the pres-ence of a woman and I have found him a coward with a man. This is logical."

## A Train Jumps the Track.

WHERLING, W. VA., Dec. 20.—Passenger train No., from Chicago for Baltimore, which left this city at 8:45 o'clock this morning, composed of sever cars and two engines, left the track at Beliton while going at the rate of forty-five unless an hour. The going at the rate of forty-five inlies an hour. The mail car turned completely over, and all the others except the sleeping car, which kept the track, fell on their sides. One engine kept the track, but the other was completely wretked. All the cars were badly damaged. Express Mess-enger sillman was the only person seriously blytred, although the train was unusually crowded. Sillman was badly cut about the head and seriously bruised. Mrs. W.W. McNair, of Minneapolis, Minn., was alightly bruised.

London, Ont., Dec. 20.—George E. Evans, a bookkeeper, was arrested to-day by local and Chi-cago detectives, charged with obtaining #6,990 from Charles W. Van Boran, of New York, one of the heirs of the Springer estate at Wilmington, Del., which is valued at \$20,000,000, by the use of a forged certificate of heirabile. The prisoner was held for extradition.

## Sudden Death of a Retired Officer.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Brevet Maj. Gen. Thos. Cram (retired), of the engineer corps, died anddenly this afternoon in a Chestuut street horse oar. He was observed to fall over suddenly on the seat, and before the ear had proceeded two quares he was dead. A physician, who arrived before he expired, was of the opinion that death was due to apoplexy.

The Late Congressman Hashell's Funeral. LAWRENCE, KAN., Dec. 20.—The funeral of the late D. C. Haskell took place here to day. Business was generally suspended. John A. Kasson delivered a brief enlogy. After the funeral the members of the congressional committee took formal leave of Mrs. Haskel, and at 2:30 the party left in a special train for the east.

## A Lock Keeper Fatally Shot.

ROCKVILLE, Mp., Dec. 20.—John Kirby, a lock ROCKVILLE, ND., Dec. 22.—30nn Erroy, a local keeper on the Che-apeake and Ohlo canal, was ac cidentally shot in the leg by his son yesterday af-ternoon. The large arceries of the leg were sev-ered, and he died before they could be taken up. No blame is attached to the son.

#### To be Brought Here for Trial. Rosron, Dec. 20.—John R. Steison, who was ar-rested in this city recently on a charge of obtaining money from the Hawaitan minister at Wash ington by forging the name of W. O. Smith, was delivered to a Washington detective to-day.

The President in New York. New Yonk, Dec. 20.—President Arthur arrived in this city to-day, and is staying at the Fifth Avenue hotel. He spent the day in attending to some private matters and received no callers.

Reprieved for Sixty Days. Columnus, Onto, Dec. 20.—The governor has re-prieved for sixty the Jones brothers, of Jackson county, Ohio, who were to be hanged to-morrow for the murder of Auderson Lackey.

#### TOGETHER ONCE MORE.

The Princeton Alumni Association of the District and the South.

#### Annual Meeting and Hanquet-Election of Officers, Tonsts, and Resolutions.

The thirteenth annual meeting and banquet of the Princeton Alumni association for the District of Columbia and the southern states was held last evening at the Arlington hotel. The business ovening at the Arlington hotel. The business meeting assembled in the parior at 6 o'clock, and was called to order by Charles Abert, scalor vice president, class of 1842, the president, Dr. Harvey Lindsly, being detained at home by indisposition. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Harvey Lindsly, class of 1829, president, Hon. A. H. Colquitt, class of 1844, Hon. William H. Armstrong, 1847, James C. Welling, L.E. D., 1844, Hon. James B. Cataeron, 1852, Hon. Alex. B. Hagner, 1845, Rev. Joseph T. Kelly, 1870, Charles Abert, 1842, J. Halsted, 1840, vee presidents; John H. Voorhees, 1841, sccretary; A. B. Kelly, 1870, treasurer, Alex. P. More, 1892, Joseph K. McCammon, 1865, John S. Blair, 1866, James M. Johnson, 1870, Henry E. Davis, 1876, executive committee.

In relation to the death of Joseph H. Blackfan the following resolutions were reported by a committee composed of Hons. A. L. Colquitt, A. R. Hagner, William H. Armstrong, and Mr. H. E. Davis; "Whereas this association, in the recent death of the late Joseph H. Blackfan, has been called to mourn the loss of an honorou celleague, therefore be it. "Resolved, That in tender and reverent respect

of the late Joseph H. Blackfan, has been called to mourn the loss of an honored celleague, therefore be it.

"Resolved, That in tender and reverent respect for the memory of our departed celleague we hereby testify and record the admiration and esteem in which we held him while living, and in which he deserves to be held, as well for the personal virtues adorning his private character as for the rare intellectual abilities with which, in a position of great administrative responsibility, he was able to rise to the height of every civil duty, illustrating as he did, alike in his private and in his official life, all that was most turbane in the christian gentleman and scholar and all that was most conscientious in the enlightened and faithful public servant.

illustrating as he did, alike in his private and in his official life, all that was most urbane in the christian gentleman and scholar and all that was most conscientious in the enlightened and faithful public servant.

"Resolved, That while the death of such a citizen in the full career of his public usefulness caunot be deemed as other than a calamity to the department of government which he served, and as a personal loss to the many friends who held him in high regard, we can nevertheless rejoice in the fresh revenue of honor which his blameless life, his intelligent labors, and his distinguished public service have combined to add to the family record of our beloved alms mater.

Reselved, That these resolutions be entered on the minutes of the association, and that a copy of them be sent to the family of our lamented colleague."

The business meeting having been completed, the atumni proceeded to discuss a banquet served in Roessle's best style, during the progress of which many good-natured banters were exchanged, and many bursts of laughter worked over the incidents of college life and ways. Reminiscences of other days were reconstred, and the older men found themselves boys again—on common ground with their younger friends.

With the dessert varie the intellectural repast was opened by Mr. Charles Abert in a few fellections remarks, who then read letters from ex-President John MacLean, Prof. J. T. Duffield, Dr. J. C. Welling and Harvey Lindely, Judge Nixon, and Attorney General Brewster.

The following tossts were then responded to:
"Our alma mater. A wider field opens to her. May she occupy it honorably and advantageously," Hon. W. H. Armstrong, class 1848.

"The Pilgrim Fathers and Virginia Cavaliers: Though multiform their toil, their fortitude our boast;" Most trying toil of all they 'scape; responding to a tosst." J. H. Voorbees, class 1851.

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"The Professions. May practice and profits correspond. Brief life is here our purition—'till we attain the bench." Hon. A. B. Hagner, class 1845.

"Modern Literature. Of making many books, there is no end; but what matter?" J. M. Johnston. class 1870.

"Our Earliest Enemies, but the Wisest of Mentors—the Dead Languages. Must They Go? Demortuis nil dist houng." H. E. Davis, class 1876.

"Our Missing Comrades:
While round us the many hned halo is shed, How dear are the living, how near are the dead; One circle, scarce broken, these waiting below." Those waiking the shores where the asphodels blow." Hon. W. Belknap.

Those present and responding for their respective classes were: Charles Abert, 1842. Hon. Willim H. Armstrong, 1847; Hon. W. Belknap, 1845; J. S. Blair, 1866; Hon. A. B. Colquitt, 1844; J. F. Cottreil, 1861; Rev. J. H. Cuthbert, 1843; H. E. Davis, 1876; Galt Davis, 1878; H. B. Davidson, 1880; C. D. Fowier, 1876; Willis Fowler, 1881; Hon. A. B. Kelly, 1876; A. P. Morse, 1862; W. M. Shuser, 1861; T. W. Tallmadge, 1846; J. B. T. Tupper, 1861, and J. H. Voorhees, 1841.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 20.-The Rev. William David Walker was to-day consecrated missionary bishop of north Dakota, in the Calvary Protestant Ents. copal church, which was filled with a large congregation. In the procession that marched from the chanel to the church were the students of the seminary, the board of vestry of Calvary church, northern New York, preached the sermon. Among the bishops present at the ceremonies were Clarke, of Rhode Island, who was the presiding clergy-man and con-cerator; Scarborough, of New Jer-sey; Sarkney, of northern New Jersey; Clarkson, of Nebraska, and Assistant Bishop Potter, of New York.

York,
Bishop Walker was born in New York, and was graduated from the Episcopal seminary in 1862. He was at once appointed as assistant rector of Calvary church.

## Sale of a Railway.

HARRISONDURG, VA., Dec. 20.—The sale of the Washington, Cincinnati and St. Louis railway to Washington, Cincinnati and St. Louis rallway to a syndicate, composed of A. H. Martin, of New York; H. D. Cooke, of Washington; U. L. Boyce, vice president of the shenandosh Valley rallway, and others, was concluded here to-day through Frank S. Smith, of New York, their agent. The road is to run from the Shenandosh Valley rallway, in this (Rockingham) county, via this place to the West Virginia line, then through Pocahomas and Webster counties, W. Va. The work is to be begun within sixty days and will be pushed to completion.

## Opening of a Bridge.

Suspension Bainar, N. Y., Dec. 20.—The formal opening of the Cantilever bridge took place to-day and was a perfect success. The testing of its strength was accomplished by running over it strength was accomplished by running over it twenty locomotives and twenty-four cars loaded with gravel. The cars extended from one end of the bridge to the other, covering both tracks. There was no apparent defection. Levels were taken at intervals by a commission selected from the 300 engineers present. This commission will make a report. Ten thosand persons witnessed the test. A banquet followed the opening.

NEW YORK, Dec 20 -The executors of the will f the late George A. Osgood, a son-in-law of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, filed a statement of their accounts to-day in the surrogate's office.
The estate is valued at \$1,255,579. Among the legacies ordered to be paid were the following:
Edga V. Osgood, widow, \$271,000; Eliza A. Osgood, \$109,000; Nancy Osgood, \$109,000; James N. Platt, \$109,000; Franklin Osgood, \$50,000, and Wm. H. Osgood, \$50,000.

#### Coming After an Appropriation. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—At a meeting to-day of delegates from the several commercial and mari-time exchanges for the purpose of taking steps toward securing from congre's an appropriation for the prosecution of the work of improving the navigation of the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers.

a committee of five was appointed to visit Wast ington and lay the matter before congress. Charge Against a Minister. Kingston, Ont., Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the Kingston bresbytery to-day the Rev. Mr. Cham-bers charged the Rev. Mr. Gallagher with having married a man to his deceased wife's slater, and gave unifie that he would move against Mr. Gai lagher for violation of the rules of church dis

# Hon. James W. Bosler's Funeral. Carliste, Pa., Dec. 20.—The funeral of the late James W. Besler took place from his residence here this afternoon. The body was interred in ashland cemetery. Among the large body of persons present were ex-benator Blaine, H. J. Ramsdell, Clinton Wheeler, and Dr. D. W. Bliss.

A Murderer Sentenced. BALTIMORE, Dec. 20,-Daniel F. White, colored, was tried in the criminal court to-day for the homicide of Joseph James, also colored, on the investy-ixth of August toot. The shooling oc-curred in the northeastern section of the city; and James received a pistol ball over the left eye,

killing him instantly. After the shooting, White ran and shot at a white man who obstructed his flight, and also at the policeman who arrested him. The jury found him guilty of murder in the second degree, and he was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

SIR HENRY HERBERT IN BALTI-MORE.

#### Revival of the Gossip in Regard to His Engagement with Miss Williams.

BALTIMONE, Dec. 20 .- Sir Henry Herbert, M. P. the owner of the most valuable estate in Ireland, on which are located the famous lakes of Killarney, reached Baltimore last evening from Europe, and registered to-day at Mount Verroon hotel. The readers of like Republican will recall the facts of the flutter caused in society circles here growing out of the gossip that followed the postponement of Sir Herbert's wedding with Miss Williams, a society belle, and the abrupt departure of the Irish M. P. for his home. The couple met at Newpers last summer, became engaged, and Mr. Herbert accompanied the Williams family to this city, and was cordinity received in fashionisable circles and at the leading clubs. Cards for the wedding were issued, but a day or two before the time appointed for the suptials it was announced that the wedding had been indefinately postpoued. The explanation offered by the Williams family was that Miss Williams, while riding a spirited horse, had strained her back so severely as to confine here to her room. There were, however, rumors widely circulated to the effect that the marriage settlements as proposed were not satisfactory, and the fact that Sir Herbert had been divorced from his first wite was also discussed as having been a factor in the matrimonial muddle. Miss Williams is an heiress in her own right to haif a million, and her father, Hon. George H. Williams, president of the Maryland sender, is a million, and her father, Hon. George H. Williams, president of the Maryland sender, is a million, and her father, Hon. George H. Williams, a million, and her father, Hon. George H. Williams, a million, and her father, Hon. George H. Williams, which as he here is her own right to haif a million, and her father, Hon. George H. Williams, with a subject declined to talk. He believed that Sir Herbert the gossip ceased, but only to be revived by his intexpected reappearance here to-day. He was a caller at the Williams mansion to-day, but as Miss Williams is still reported as being a class invalid it is not likely at all that he saw her. Mr. Wil the owner of the most valuable estate in Ireland, on which are located the famous lakes of Killar-

#### ANNAPOLIS NOTES.

#### Meetings of the Maryland Board of Public Works and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

Special Disputch.
Annapolis, Dec. 20.—The board of public works of Maryland met to-day and received a proposition from the counsel for the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad company in reference to the Reading Railroad company in reference to the settlement of the claim due the state by the Suaquebanna and Tidewater canal, the interest on which amounts to about \$504,000. It is probable that Reading railroad stock will be issued to pay the indebtedness. The state holds a mortgage of \$1,000,000 on the canal, which is owned by the railroad company under lease. The board also directed the secretary to write to Messrs. Ramsey & Co., of Battimore, the builders of the new police steamer, and notify them to have the new boat here shortly for inspection and acceptance by the state.

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The Chesapeake and Ohio canal board met here The Chesapeace and Onlo canal loadd met here to-day and decided to close navigation Dec. 22. There was a full attendance. Reports snowed encouraging results of the year's operations. There are repairs to be made which the auporintendents are authorized to attend to.

The court of appeals will adjourn to-morrow over the holidays. Three opinions were filed to-day.

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The second of a series of hous by the officers of the usval academy occurs Saturday or this week. These hops will be continued during the winter at the following dates; Jan. 5 and 19: Teb. 23, from 8 to 10 p. m. There will also be matinee; from 329 in the atternoon to 6:39 on Dec. 29 and Feb. 15. A draft of marines from the naval academy leave for New York to-morrow for duty on the United States steamship Galena. Their places will be supplied from the Washington marine berfields.

# berracks. Grden have been promulgated at the naval academy disallowing ration money to the sailors after lan. I, and requiring them to accept the regular government rations instead.

# Hung for Outraging a Widow. RALEISI, N. C., Dec. 20.—About 1 o'clock to-day Guilford Soon, colored, was executed at Kinston for feloniously assaulting Mrs. Eliza Jones, a widow. The execution was public, and was wit nessed by several thousand persons. His neek was nessed by several thousand persons. His neek was dishicated, and death was instant. The c ime for which Soon was executed was committed on the eighth of Msy last. His victim lived at a lonely place twelve miles from kinston. She is a woman hold in very high esteem by all who know her, soon gained admission to the house after Mrs. Jones had retired by personating her son. When she opened the door to admit him he selzed her and treated her must brushly. After remaining in the house all night, Mrs. Jones being most of the time unconscious. Soon left threatening to take her life if he were convicted of the crime. After a long search he was found in an adjoining county and was brought to Kinston. Plans were twice made to lynch him, the last time being in June. The sheriff took him to Goldsboro and placed him in the strong jail there for safe kreeping. The trial was begun Oct. 15, and he was promptly convicted. Soon denied all complicity in the crime and begged any other punishment than death. He was 40 years of age, of great miscular power and very brutal. He was the son of Ben Soon, who during the war, murdered his owner in Pitt country, and who was shortly afterward shot by federal soldiers for the commission of another great crime. cated, and death was instant. The c ime for

McEnery Nominated on the First Ballot New Orleans, Dec. 20.—A special dispatch to the Picayune from Baton Rouge says: The democratic state convention met at 10 o'clock. A reces

cratic state convention mut at 10 o'clock. A recess was taken till 11 o'clock. The committe on credentials their made a unanimous report, which was adopted. John S. Young, of Cadde, was elected permanent chairman by a vote of 222\( \frac{2}{2}\) to 76\( \frac{1}{2}\) for Soyder. McEnery was nominated for governor on the first ballot—McEnery, 220 4-12; Nicholis, 170 8-12.

After nominating McEnery the convention took a recess. The McEnery faction went into cauchs and nominated Chay Noblock, of La Folirche, for liquienant governor, and Maj. E. A. Burke for state treasurer by acclamation. When the convention reassembled the above-named goutlemen were nominated, as were also J. M. Cunningham, for attorney general, Oscar Arroyo for secretary of state, and O. B. Steele, of Union, for auditor.

## Knocked Out in Three Rounds.

New York, Dec. 20.—A prize fight, according to the Marquis of Queensbury rules, occurred early this morning in a barn near Hissville, L. I., which was witnessed by about fitty persons. The puglists were Mike Keily, of Williamsburg, and Join Connors, of South Brooklyn, and the takes \$100 a side. Both men were in tine condition, the former weighing 128 pounds and the latter 136, Frank Cummings, of New York, was Kelly's second, and Jim Mullen, of Brooklyn, acted for Conners. Three bloody rounds were fought, and, Eelly not being able to come to time when the 1907th was called, the fight was awarded to Connors. Both men were terrivity punished during the short time the battle raged, and they had to be assisted from the ring. this morning in a barn near Elisaville, L. I., which

## Reception to a Baltimore Professor. BALTIMORE, Dec. 20 .- A farewell reception wa endered Prof. Svivester to-night at Johns Hoptendered Prof. Sylvester to-night at Johns Hop-kins university, that gentleman having accepted the appointment of savilian professor of geometry in the university of Oxford, England. Addresses were made by President Gilman, of Johns Hop-kins; Matthew Arnold, Prof. Sylvester, and others. Among the distinguished persons prosent were Profs. Hilgard, Newcomb, and Harkness, of Wash-ington dity. Prof. Sylvester sails from New York for Europe on Tuesday next. He is enrolled at Johns Hopkins university as professor emeritus.

# A Telephone Compromise. Boston, Dec. 20.—The Traveller says: "It is known on the best of authority, all official denials

known on the best of authority, all official denials to the contrary notwithstanding, that the Bell and the People's Telephone companies' officials have very recently had a conference locking to the compromise or amicable adjustment of the patent litigation now pending. It is also understood that this donlerence is likely to be productive of good results if all the negotiations now in progress, but which are not as yet ready to be made public, are consummated.

BAITIMORE, Dec. 20.—in the United States district court to-day the case of Charles Gehring and John W. Isaacs, who were letter carriers in the Baitimore postedice, indicted for burning mail matter in October last, came up for trial. Gehring pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to three months in jail. Isaacs stood a trial, and was found not guilty. The mail matter burned was election ballots that were intended for distribution immediately preceding the municipal election in October.

Death of the Oldest Unitarian Minister. Bostos, Dec. 20.—Rev. John Burt Wright, the oldest Unitarian clergyman in the country, died this morning at his home in Wayland, Mass. He was born in 1720 and was ordained in 1816.

#### A BRILLIANT, DEBUT.

#### The Friends of Miss Lillian Coffey Formally Welcoming Her to Society. The reception of Mr. and Mrs. Judge Titlan J.

Coffey at their residence, No. 1403 H street, last evening was an event of the social season, being the formal debut in Washington society of their evening was an event of the social season, being the formal debut in Washington society of their daughter, Miss Lillian, who was assisted in entertaining the guests by Misses Dodge, 'Patterson, Beach, Wallach; Stift, Woodward, Roewell, and others. Among those present were the Chinese minister and members of the embassy, Hon. Sackville West and Miss West, Mme. De Hruve, Countess Lowenhaupt Mr. and Mme. Depuy de Lome, Count Lippee-Weissenfeld, Baron Ignatz von Behaeffer, Mr. De Naut, Mr. Leevre and Mr. Paul Lefevre, Mr. Saurin, Mr. Allen Johnston, Mr. and Miss. Charlton, Miss Beale, Gon. and Mrs. Emory, Mrs. Walter Cex, Mrs. and Miss Gersham and Mr. Otto Gresham, Mrs. and Miss Gersham and Mr. Otto Gresham, Mrs. and Miss Gersham and Mr. Otto Gresham, Mrs. and Miss Gers, Mrs. Beach, Mrs. Admiral Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Beach, Mrs. Admiral Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Beach, Mrs. Admiral Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Sanders Irving, Judge Hagner, Dr. Garnett, Mrs. and the Misses Berry, Col. and Mrs. Rockwell, Mrs. Gen, and Miss Myers, Mrs. Clayton McMelhael, Mrs. Paymaster Bacon, Hon. R. T. Merrick, Mr. Ashton, Miss Barrd, Admiral Anney, Capa, and Mrs. Harmony, U. S. A.; Mrs. and Miss McKeever, Mr. Calderon Carliste, Mrs. Enetts, Messrs, John and Robert Chew, Mr. Alen, Lieuts, Balcook and Symons, the Misses Patterson, Mr. Aupheby, Mr. Hanna, Chester A. Arthur, Ir. Mrs. Waite and Mrs. C. C. Waite, Mr. D. P. Morgan and Miss Morgan, Mme de Bille, Mr. Mossier, Miss Nogueiras, Baron d'Arinos, Mr. Rustamente, Mr. Gharies Knapp, and many other distinguished personages.

#### THE CLAYTON-BULWER TREATY End of the Discussion Between the Secretary of State and Lord Granville.

The last letter of Secretary Frelinghuysen to Minister Lowell, ending the discussion of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, has just been made public. Minister Lowell, ending the discussion of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, has just been made public. The secretary says that he still considers the treaty voldable; first, because the first seven articles of the treaty relate to a particular canal by the Nicaraguan route only, and secondly, because the British government has now a colony instead of a settlement at Belize. He also states that the government was willing to surrender a part of its exclusive privileges in order to obtain capital for building the canal, and was willing to unite with England in protecting it, but after the lapse of thirty-three years will of it anything having been done by Great Britain loward building the canal, it is right to assume that the consideration for which the treaty was made has falled. By the terms of the treaty neither government was permitted to colonize or exercise any dominion over any part of central America, yet Great Britain has established a colony there as large as three of our smaller states, with a regular colonial government. The color for the claim that this is not a violation of the treaty is a declaration made by Sir Henry Bulwer before the treaty was ratified, that the British settlements at Honduras or its dependencies were not included. The secretary understands this to apply only to a British settlement made at Honduras under Spanish-American sovereignty for the purpose of cutting logword and mahogany, and not to such a colony as now exists. The secretary holds that the Mouroe doctrine is not affocted by the fact that a treaty modifying that doctrine has failen.

#### THE CHAMPION CHESS PLAYER

#### Who Isn't Afraid to Go to New Orleans Where Paul Morphy Resides. 'Herr Zukertort," said a REPUBLICAN reporter

to the great chess player, who arrived in town last night, "do you hold yourself the champion chess player of the world?" "There is no doubt about it," said Herr Zuker-

"There is no doubt about it," said Herr Zukertort. "I am the only man that has won two international championship games."

"Where did these games take place?"

"The first game was played at Paris. I came
out No. 1, and the American champion, Capt. MeKersle, played for ited position 4 and 5."

"Where did the second game take place?"

"At London, 1883. I came out No. 1. Capt. MeKenzie tied 5 and 6."

"Do you think you will play in Washington?"

"No: possibly a few social games, as I intend
calling on the Chess club of this city to-morrow."

"Where do you go from Washington?"

"New Orleans.

"Where the ghost of Paul Morphy walks," said
the reporter.

"Where the growtest the reporter.
"The greatest player of his time," said Herr Zukertort, "but that time is past."
"Who is the greatest player in the world next to yourself."

#### to yourself?" Mr. Steinitz. of Londou." AROUND BURNSIDE CAMP FIRE. How the Boys Sang Songs and Told

Stories of Their Battle Days. Burnside post, No. 8, G. A. R., gave a camp fire at their hall, corner of Seventh and L streets, which was well attended. The battle of Chattanooga was the subject for the evening's entertainment. Maj. Gen. W. B. Hazen gave an account of

ment. Maj. Gen, W. B. Hazen gave an account of his floating down the Tennessee river, and his midnight engagement in Lookout valley.

Contrade Grosvenor narrated the movements which led to the battle. Gen. Raum. Comrades J. C. Taylor. A. P. Lacy, and others added reminiscences of the fight. During the evening Gen. Burdette, department commander and staff, and several post commanders paid the post his last official visit. The Opollo club rendered a number of camp sons. Speeches were made by Gens. Van Vilet and Burdette, and many others. A letter of regret was received from Gen. Longstreet, who was expected to be present. A Congressional Contest.

## as representative of the first North Carolina dis-trict has been served by Charles C. Pool against Formal notice of contest for a seat in the house Thomas G. Skinner, the sitting member.

Thomas G. Skinner, the sitting member. The contestant bases his claim upon the ground—

1. That the proclamation of the governor calling the election directed it to be held in the district established by the legislature at its session beginning last January, which district included the county of Cartaret, and did not include the county of Cartaret, and did not include the county of Bertie, whereas the election should have been held in the district as it subsisted previous to the reas-portionment; that, estimating the vote of Bertie county from its record for the past len years, it would have given a majority of not less than 600 against the contestee; that it was detached from the first district by the legislature for the known reason that that it would give such majority.

2. That in certain precincions named in Pitt county frauds and irregularities were perpetrated, and votes were thrown out upon frivious pretexts, changing the result of the election.

county frauds and irregularities were perpetrated, and votes were thrown out upon frivolous pre-texts, changing the result of the election. The contestunt avers that if the frauds and ir-regularities be corrected, and the vote counted as it was cast, or meant to be cast, it will appear that he, and not the contestee, is suitited to the seat in

Senator Brown, of Georgia, has introduced a bill hat will meet with the hearty approval of the old-time drinkers who still sing the praises of old-line drinkers who still sing the praises of "applejack" and "peach and honey." His bill provides for the repeal of all laws probibiting the distillation of apples and peaches into brandy, or the manufacture of wine or brandy from grapes by the producer or owner of the fruit, or by any distiller who acts as his agent or who distills the fruit and receives part of said fruit in payment of his services, and provides also for leaving the question of taxation of such products to the states.

"The Bedoums of America" is the title of the ecture to be delivered to night at the Foundry M. E. church by Mr. T. J. Spencer. The lecture: M. E. church by Nr. 7. J. Spencer. The lectorer is sloquent and knows his subject—the Indians of the plains. Prof. Dorsey, of the Smithsonian, will ang an Osage song, and Miss Watson, the charming vocalist, will sing.

## Odd Fellows' Charity.

Columbia loage of Odd Fellows received quite a liberal docation of provisions, clothing, and money for the families of sick and needy brothers at its meeting last night, to make glad the house of their unfortunate members during the holidays.

#### At a late hour last night ex-Gov, R. P. Lowe, of Iowa, was lying very ill, and his physician antici-pated his death hourly. His astonishing vitality has kept him alive so far, but the end, it is feared,

## The Kindergartens. The Christmas entertainment of the kindergar-tons will be held on Saturday afternoon at the Congregational church.

# Slightly warmer, partly cloudy weather, light local moves, winds shifting to southwesterly, falling barome-

31.5°, 3 p. m., 32.5°, 7 p. m., 31.0°, 11 p. m., 31.0°; maximum, 34.1°, minimum, 28.5°, precipitation,

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

#### The Chants of the Churches in Commemoration of Christ and Calvary.

Full List of the Musical Programmes for the Birthday as Far as Arranged.

#### The Desire for Church Decoration and Elaborate Church Harmony Increasing With Culture.

#### Unusual Number of Fine Voices in the Washington Choirs,

Preparations for the Christmas music in the churches this season are generally on au elaborate scale, as also are the altar and chaucel decorations. Confined in this country for generations to the Episcopal, Catholic, and Luthern churches, the innate beauty and acceptability of the idea are fast permeating other denominations, and it may be predicted that before many years every Christian church in the land will on Christmas day decorate its walls and render acceptable music in joy of praise of the day. In Washington city, where the local musical talent basso many and so brilliant representatives, the programmes of church Christmas music are unusually good and attractive, as will be at once seen from the accompanying

reports.

Below are given the programmes of all the churches that up to the hour of collecting had arranged their Christmas music. The remainder will probably be completed by this evening or Saturday night:

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Church of Incarnation, corner of Twelfth and N streets northwest, Rev. I. L. Townsend, L. T. D., rector. First evenisong of Christmas. Monday evening, at 7:30 octock, when the following music will be rendered: Processional, hymn 19. Adeato Fidelis: proper psaims, 89, 110, 132, chanted; Cantate Domino, Bennett Benedic Amima Mea, Camp; anthem, "Arise, shine, for Thy Light is come," Elvey: hymn 17. Offeriory, Christmas song, "Nasareth," Goundo, Magniloat, Banyby, Nune Dimitus; recessional, "See the morning star is telling," Monk.

On Christmas morning there will be a celebration of the blessed sacrament at 6:30 o'clock. At 11 o'clock there will be morning prayer, sermon by the rector, and a full choral celebration of the looks of the music of which will be as follows. Processional, Adeste Fidelis, Venite, Dr. W. H. Walter: To Deum, C. Jerome Hopkins: proper psaims 19, 45, and 35 chanted; Jubilate, Tours, Introit, anthem, "Let us now go even into Bettlehem," E. J. Hopkins: Kyris Elaison, Gloria Tibl, Laus Tib, Sursum Corda and Sanctus, from Dyke's service in F, hymn 18; offeriory, Christmas song, "Noel," Gounnod, hymn 23; Gloria in Excelsis, Tours in F, Nune Demittis; recessional, "See, the morning star is telling," Mank.

The music at these services will be rendered by the following choir, under the direction of the precentor, Mr. John E. Parker: Soppan, Harry Leighter, Archie Bames, Frank Suier, Cecil Alexander, Thomas Robertson, Stanley Herriots, Arthur Bames, Charley Harris, and Herbert Cluto. Alt., Willie Langton, Morgan Wilson, Frank Starkweather, and Walter Buter. Tenoi, Messrs, Arthur Bames, Charley Harris, and Herbert Cluto. Alt., Willie Langton, Morgan Wilson, Frank Starkweather, and Walter Buter. Tenoi, Messrs, Arthur Bames, Charley Harris, and Herbert Cluto. Alt., Willie Langton, Morgan Wilson, Frank Starkweather, and Walter Buter. Tenoi, Messrs, Prank C. Miller, Charles, N. Wake, George W. K

Middleton. At St. Andrew's church, Fourteeuth and Cor-At St. Andrew's church, Fourteenth and Corcoran streets, the music is embraced on the following programmer Opening voice, "Hark, what Mean those Holy Voices," Danks; Christmas andem, Lurier Gloria, Williams, C. Gloria in Excesss, A. J. Holden; Te Deum, Warren an G. Jubilste (Bio, J. E. Thomas; hymn 17, Mendelsaohn; Gloria Tibi, in C. hyma 25, Adeste Fidelis; offertory, bass solo, "Hall Heavenry Dawning," Bischoff, Choir includes Miss Jannie Cutler, suprano, Miss Mattle Gray, slop, Mr. Baxter, tenor, Mr. Woodman, Dess; Miss M. Callum, organist.

At the Church of the Epipanny, G street, near Tairteenth, Rev. Dr. Paret, rector, the music canbraces:

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Te Deum, Stainer, in Eb. Anthem—For behold,
the people that walked in darkness, for unto us a
child is born—from Handel's "Messiah."
Carols—Hymn 232, the first, Nowell:

# Carols—Hymn 282, the first, Nowell: Shepherds keeping watch by night, Come sing with holy gradness, The joyful morn is breaking Once in royal David's city, O'er the hill and o'er the dale. The carols will be sung at the Sinday school celebration on Holy Junocent's Day (Friday, in Xmas week), at 4 o'clock p. m' The choir is comp sed of Mrs. Camp, soprane; Mrs. (tascerton, contraits; Mr J. L. Parkhurst, tenor, Mr. S. A. Kennedy, base, with a chorus of thirty-live voices. Mr. J. B. Tipton, organist and director.

At Grace church, Eighth and D breets south-At Grace church, Eighth and D breets southwest, Rev. Frederic Lee, rector, the grogramme embraces authem, by Damss: Te Deum, in B flat, Bourback: Kreisman's Jubilate, Lloyd's Gierla Patri, Lart's Venice offertory. Hark: the Heralds, the Angels Sing, and Gioria in Excessis, by Ryder. The choir embraces Mrs. Salie Ancoha, soprano: Miss Tabler, contraite; Mr. James Smith, tenor; Mr. Erank Barbarin, bass, and Miss Lul. a Goodal, organist and director.

St. Mark's E. iscopal church, Third and A streets southeast, Rev. A. F. Steele, rector. The music includes: opening, "Nazareth," solo and chorus; "Venite in A. Bock; "Te Deum Festival in D. Buck; "Jubilate in E flat," Mosenthal; offertory, "There Were Sienherds," Buck; communion service, plain song. The choir is composed of Seprani, Misses Ramsdell and Kidwell; aid, Mrs. Hoane and Mass Nixon; tenori, Mesers, Atkinson

"There Were Shenherds," Buck; commainton astivice, plain song. The choir is composed of: Soprani, Mises Ramsdell and Kidwell; aith, Mrs. Hoane and Mas Nixon; tenori, Messra, attinon and way; bass, Mr. Whitaker and Dr. Attinon and organist, Mise Johnson.

At Christ Ediscopal church, Georgetown, the music includes: 1, Opening, "Shout the Glad Tidings," Wilson; 2, "Gloria Patri," Bergh, and "Gloria in Excelsis," Pease; 3, To Deum in G. Wilson; 4, Jubilate in C. Moschihal; 5, hyan festected); 6, "Ghria Tibl.," Menke: 7, bymn, "How Down Thine Ear, O Lord," prayer from Moses in Exypt; 5, "Christina Morn, Gouned. The choir is composed of: Soprano, Miss Moody; alto, Miss Haung; tenor, Mr. E. J. Whipple bass, Mr. W. B. Orme; organist, Mr. F. Z. Maguire; director, Mr. Wm. B. Orme; organist, Mr. F. Z. Maguire; director, Mr. Wm. B. Orme.

There will be no services on Christmas day at All Souls' (Unitarian), corner of L and Fourteenth streets, Rev. Dr. Shippen, pastor, but on Sunday, Dec. 23, special musical services will be held with the following programms: A. m.—There Were Shepherds," Buck: Te Deum, Eb., Buck: offertory, "Thou Art Our Father," Hummel, (soprano solo and quartette). P. m.—"Tiou Lord Hast Made Me Glad," Gloriz; "Glory to God in the Hignest," Gloria; "O King of Kings," Wagner, bass solo und quartette. Soprano, Mas Eva Mills: Rio, Miss. C. O'Donogque: tenor, Mr. S. H. Wilherow, bass, Mr. W. A. Widney; organist and director, Proj. James Canlield. "The walls of the church will be decorated with evergreen gariands and the pulpit with flowers and potted plants.

At St. Peier's Catholic church, Capitol hill, the following order of services will take place: 5 a. m., solema high mass, Sa. m., low mass, 9 a. m., mass for the children in the church; 19:20 a. m., high mass, followed by benediction of the blessed sterrament. The music at 6 and 10:30 o'cock will be very impressive, and Haydn's imperial mass. No. 3, has been selected. The choir will be under the leadership of the chira, Meher; alti, Mrs. layee and Miss La

Miss Dwyer, Mr. Neff and Maudeley. The us as authems will be rendered. At the early mess Father O'Sullivan will be celebrant, Father Sullivan deacon, and Father Diana subdeac.n. The altar will be be utituily decorated, as will alse the interior of the church.

At St. Joseph's Catholic church, Capitel hill, first soleum high mass will be at 5:50 a. m.; celebrant, Rev. J. P. Schlenter, deacon, Rev. G. A. Brambring; subdeacon, Rev. Joseph Busam. Before mass, "Still Nacht" will be sung, with accompaniment by violin and zither. Werner's mass will be aug. "O Salls Ortu" will be rendered at the offertory. At 10 o'clock the second high mass will be sung; celebrant, Rev. Becker; deacon, Rev. J. P. Schleuter; subleacon, G. A. Brambring. Decker's mass will be sung. The